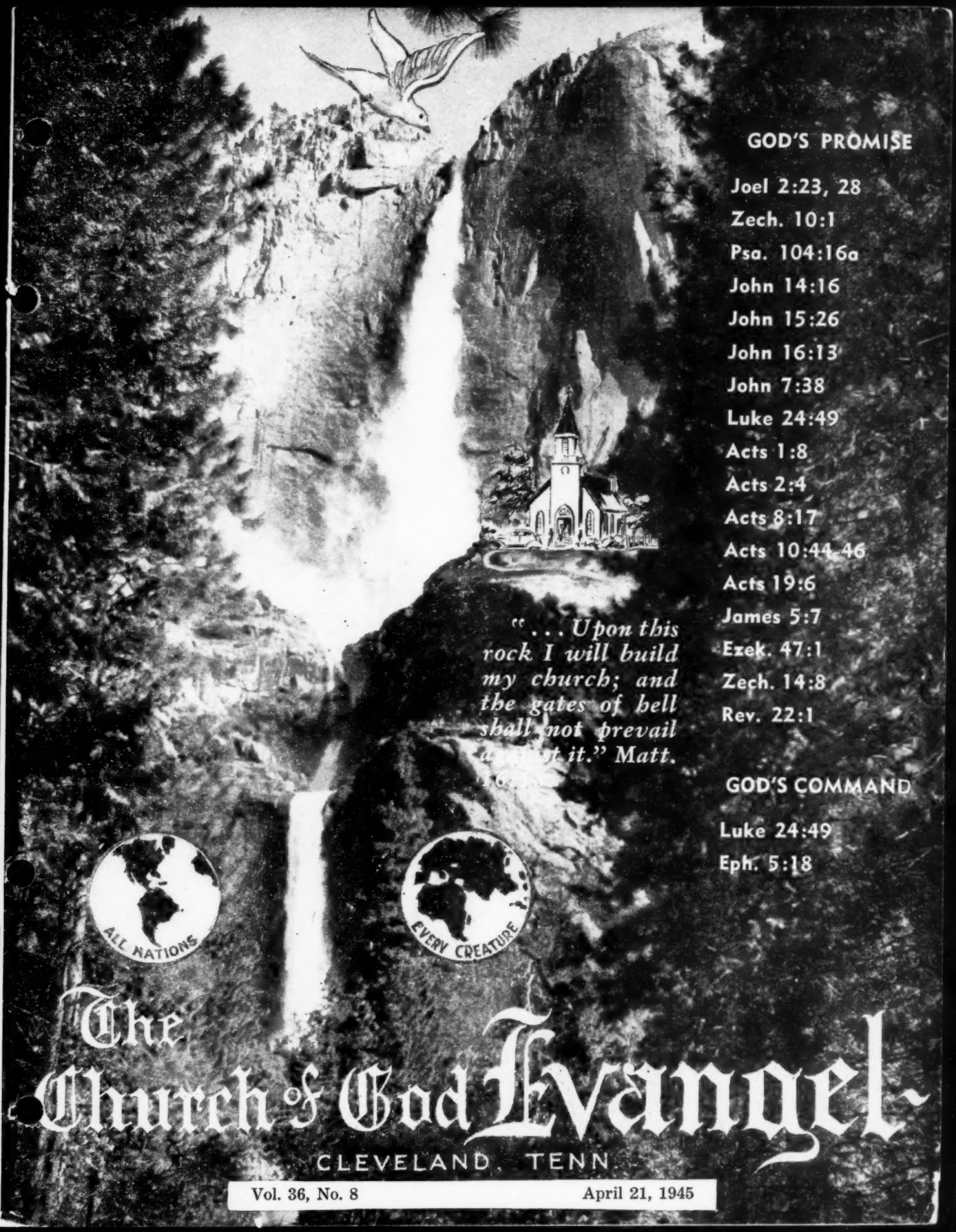

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28
Zech. 10:1
Psa. 104:16a
John 14:16
John 15:26
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John 7:38
Luke 24:49
Acts 1:8
Acts 2:4
Acts 8:17
Acts 10:44-46
Acts 19:6
James 5:7
Ezek. 47:1
Zech. 14:8
Rev. 22:1

". . . Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49
Eph. 5:18

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MEN WANTED

1 Cor. 16:13, Syriac, "Act like men." 2 Sam. 10:12, "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities (churches) of our God."

There is a manpower shortage on everywhere. We get poor service now from most all business places, because they are short of help, short of men.

Well, the Church of God is in great need of men. I'm not talking about tall boys, or just those who wear pants. It was said of one fellow that all there was to him was breath and breeches. A man has more than just a mouth. A bossy and crabbed spirit is the cheapest and least thing a man can own. Christ was a man (100 per cent) yet He was meek and lowly in heart. When He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not.

I want to talk to us preachers, first. Sometimes I wonder if we don't almost disgust our heavenly Father with our childishness. Paul said when he became a man he put away childish things. We preachers ought to lose our taste for marble games, swimming holes where we keep each other muddy, shooting sparrows with slingshots, etc. Yes, many of us preachers can stand a little more growing up into Christ. Many of us need the sincere milk of the Word so we can grow (into manhood) thereby. Eccl. 10:16, "Woe to thee, O land (church), when thy king (pastor) is a child."

Now to the laymen—brethren. I don't think any one should cover sin in the least, but for (supposed-to-be) Church of God men to be more interested in thoroughly investigating to see if some of the sisters are not using a little flesh colored fingernail polish, or to see if some of the sisters are not shaving the back of their necks a little, and wondering why some women's hair never grows any longer, and ready at once to send a committee to some young and weak girl if it's reported she is out with anklets on, is not as important a thing for a brother to do as to be an example "in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." This will provoke to love and good works.

I think it better to lead the way to the altar in prayer for seekers. I think it better to lead in humility, faithfulness, regular attendance, in giving, etc., than be so anxious to lead and dominate a council meeting.

In my past experience I have seen brethren who were very busy in a council meeting, but when time came for altar workers they sat back and looked on, or stood outside and chatted with someone. Brethren, we must revenge all disobedience, but after our obedience is fulfilled. Read 2 Cor. 10:6.

Real men are precious, worth their weight in gold, and I can prove this by the Bible. Read Isa. 13:12.

Now I have written this with a heart full of love, and hope before criticizing it that you will pray.

Revival

MUNDY, Tex.—Just closed a revival here at Munday Church of God with Rev. Allen Lyons and wife, of the State of Florida, doing the preaching. This revival was a wonderful success with sixteen saved, three filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church.—W. E. Mitchell, Box 215.

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Pulpit Commentary

The Pulpit Commentary which has long been out of print is now in process of printing, and will be ready for delivery in late May. The Church of God Publishing House will offer this set of commentaries, consisting of fifty-one volumes, cloth bound, **at a price of $59.50** without discount. There will be a scramble for these sets. Those desiring to do so may place their order now and we will hold your set for you. Ask anyone who has a set or knows about them.

Minutes

We printed 15,000 copies of the Minutes of the last General Assembly. We still have in stock about 1,500 copies. All indications point to the fact that there will not be enough to fill orders for the year. Prices are **35c per single copy, $3.75 per dozen, $6.50 for 25 copies, $12.50 for 50 copies, $23.00 per 100 copies.**

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Victory on the Home Front

JOHN C. JERNIGAN, General Overseer

In six months in the United States there were reported 21,783 saved, 10,280 sanctified, 7,195 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 7,295 added to the Church, 62 new churches, 201 new ministers licensed, and 2,826 net gain in membership. Our net gain in February was 959.

This good report does not include the many victories among our colored people or the many other great victories won since the General Assembly in the thirty other nations where we have workers. There have been many thousands converted on the foreign fields on which we do not have a report.

The revival fire is spreading. Pastors and evangelists are giving themselves more earnestly and unreservedly to evangelism. Great numbers are being blessed and added to the Church, far surpassing the numbers for the same months of last year.

With the rising tide of evangelism, the finances in every department of the Church are also making great gains. The orphanage offerings, foreign missions, help for aged ministers, and tithes are far above any time in the history of the Church.

There is nothing discouraging in the future outlook for the Church. Continued progress, however, depends on the humility, devotion, and activities of both the ministry and laity. If we become lifted up in pride and neglect our prayer life and dependence on God, He will let us down, and great will be our fall; therefore, while He is blessing and helping us, may we walk softly and carefully before Him, continuing in prayer and supplication, walking and working in the fear of God, ever trusting Him for all blessings and victories.

The reports from the field are very encouraging. They bring news of great revivals in the local churches, and in new fields, and mighty outpourings of the Spirit in the regular church services. Every pastor should do his best to keep a revival going in the prayer meetings and Sunday services. Do not wait until the evangelist comes. The church should never need an evangelist to evangelize it. It should be so full of the fire of evangelism that it would be busy evangelizing others. This would release the evangelists for new fields, which I think was indeed their work in the early Church. Some of our churches are so dead, and void of spirituality and evangelistic power, that they need evangelizing themselves, by the pastors or others; therefore, it is often necessary that they have evangelists to keep up spiritual circulation and prevent a spiritual paralytic stroke.

The work of the pastor is to keep alive the spirit of evangelism in his church and community. All our interests should not be centered on one street corner; workers should be organized and sent out to the different sections of the city and rural communities. Recently I preached Sunday morning and evening in the Lenoir City, Tennessee, church; C. M. Newman, pastor. They have built a fine modern brick church building in the last three years, and paid for it, as well as having contributed liberally to other benevolent causes. Observing Brother Newman's work, I attribute his financial success to his ability to keep the evangelistic spirit alive in his church and community. Yes, I say community, for Sunday afternoon he drove seven miles into the country, stopped his car, with loud-speakers mounted on top, under the shade of a tree, and preached the gospel. About seventy-five of his congregation came out from town to be in this service, and that night in the home church there was a good altar service. We also hear of other pastors who are likewise working to evangelize the needy places within reach of them.

There is much talent in our local churches that should be developed for the Lord's work. Many young men and young women need only a chance and a little encouragement. As an example I would like to mention John D. Smith, who, four years ago, was an unlicensed layman in the North Chattanooga church. In South Chattanooga we had a little church driven about from one little rented place of worship to another, and about three years ago last fall Brother Smith was appointed pastor of this little congregation that could hardly be called a church. Since then he has built a fine rock church building, worth about $16,000, has a big congregation, and last month his Sunday School averaged 335 each Sunday. Since last September he has received eighty-four members into the church.

I have a telegram from Brother Ray Collins, Paw Creek, N. C., in which he told about a great service one Sunday night when every sinner in the house, about forty, came to the altar, and twenty-two were saved that night. I also have a letter from Brother C. E. McAbee, pastor at Rome, Georgia, that tells about a very interesting service one Sunday night. There were twelve saved, eight sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost.

Our Bible School at Sevierville this year has been a flame of evangelism. Brother Walker, the President, with others, began to fast and pray for the spiritual life of the school, and for three or four weeks many of the students fasted on Friday and prayed for the men serving our country in arms. The Lord began to bless, and some of the students were baptized with the Holy Ghost. One night in a classroom where some of the students had met for prayer, ten received the Holy Ghost and I believe it was the next morning in chapel, after Brother Walker's sermon, the students began to pray. The meeting lasted all day and ten others received the Holy Ghost. The revival went on for about three weeks. The last week, Brother James L. Slay, pastor of the North Cleveland church, preached for them. During the outpouring sixty-four were filled with the Holy Ghost and forty came into the church at Sevierville. Their membership may be transferred to their home churches.

We are thankful to the Lord for His blessings and the evangelistic spirit that is prevailing in the Church of God. I believe our pastors, evangelists, and laymen know how to add fuel to the fire.

Blessed Revival

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—We are glad to report our revival with Brother D. A. Hensley as evangelist. Brother Hensley really brought some soul-stirring and inspiring messages. Eight professed to being saved, two or three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church blessed. Brother Hensley is a good evangelist.

We are building new Sunday School rooms and remodeling the church. If you want to be in a good service, come over and be with us. God is blessing us, for which we thank Him.—Brother and Sister R.E. Conner.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Religion in Russia

The new theological academy which opened at Moscow with twenty students has now increased to one hundred eighty, according to reports recently received.

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Dying Judaism

When Judaism was lying as a corpse before the Lord, after a short testimony by John the Baptist, followed by the three and one-half years of the ministry of Christ, God gave to the Jewish believers a definite shot, not in the arm, but right in the heart, of the power of the infilling of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, and this corpse arose filled with the Spirit and soon "turned the world upside down."

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A Religious Congress

The 79th Congress is said to be inserting more material of primary religious interest in the Congressional Record and to be discussing more religious subjects on the floor of the House and Senate than the 78th Congress in a like period. The 78th Congress held an all-time record for dealing with religious subjects, but the 79th is even more so. Let us hope that out of all this will come some added inspiration to the average citizen.

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Jews in Cologne Hold Service

A report by RNS to the effect that one hundred Jews emerged from cellars and hiding places in Cologne and attended services at the invitation of two Jewish chaplains for the first time since 1939, was received from Paris. Their first service was held in the ruins of a synagogue burned by the Germans in 1938; a group of Germans looked on while the Jews held worship.

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Gideons Distribute Bibles

Gideons International, the Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, has distributed 8,400,000 copies of the New Testament to Service men and women, according to an announcement made by Secretary W. F. Dewar. An additional 75,000 Bibles have been given to Chaplains. To the Navy nurses were presented 150,000 Testaments. An order for 50,000 Bibles has been received from the South Pacific, so RNS reports.

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Africa

Dr. N. K. Thompson, writing in *Evangelical Christian,* states that "there is only one foreign missionary for each 2,000 home pastors and workers. Only one church congregation in three have missionary societies and but one of four professing Christians contribute to the support of foreign missions." This is a prospectus of the church at large and accounts for why so many church doors have closed during the last decade. Dr. Thompson further commented that Africa had 70,000,000 people who have never heard the name of Christ mentioned.

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Suspicion of Russia

Dr. Warnshuis, Foreign Coumcillor of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, stated concerning religious liberty and freedom in Europe that he had been informed that 600,000 people from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania had fled before the advancing Russian armies and were refugees in relief work in eastern Germany. Protestants numbering 400,000 were reported among them. It is stated that they will not return to Russia. Fear is held to be the reason, while in eastern Germany Protestant churches are strongest.

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This World of Ours

God said, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived," (2 Tim. 3:13); women would wax wanton against Christ (1 Tim. 5:11), and Christians in their love would "wax cold" (Matt. 24:12). But Hitler and Mussolini tried to improve the world. They failed. Now Mr. Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin have the task. If they fail, and fail they will, as the Word of God points out, it still remains that Christ will set His glorious kingdom even "after the workings of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness of them that perish" (2. Thess. 2:9, 10).

Sabotaging Prayer Meetings

In many churches a program, or a dead dry lecture, or sometimes a pastor's message, which is so important it can't wait until another day, has almost, if not entirely, sabotaged the "midweek" prayer meeting. We can but reap the deadness and dryness of profession without the presence of the Holy Spirit as a result of this tragic occurrence. The spiritual life of the church is sabotaged when the prayer meeting is set aside for something else. Nothing else is so important in running a church as the prayer meeting. Woe be unto the church which sidesteps it, or the minister who feels he can get along without it. The result is always tragic.

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God's Remedy

for formal, lukewarm, threadbare religious profession is not more education; not more gold or finery; but an infilling of the Holy Ghost. The world has witnessed, during the last half of a century, a wondrous revival of Pentecostal signs and wonders. In some places the fire doesn't burn as rapidly or as brightly as once it did. The fact remains, however, that God has promised to continue this outpouring of His Spirit until the end of the age and has asked His believing children to be patient "until he receive the early and latter rain," James 5:7. If there was not something yet more fruitful beyond this our day, Christ would have already come for His Church.

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The Price of Redemption

If we were transported back a little more than nineteen hundred years, to the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts would be torn with grief had we been the disciples of the Son of God. The greatest tragedy this world ever witnessed was the crucifixion of Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God, the prophet of Galilee, who came to administer love and mercy to a lost and dying world. Yet we thank God for this event, for because of it we stand free men and women in Christ today. The world may be reeking with sin, wallowing in the mire of slime, but the Christian with a crucified Christ resurrected and living on high is head and shoulders above these things, and has a deep-settled peace undisturbed by the sin of the world. The Apostle Mark gives us these words in his description of the crucifixion: "And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani, which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a spunge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God," Mark 15:25. 33-39.

The death of Jesus was accompanied by these threefold phenomena: The sun became darkened; the earth quaked; and the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom. What a sight to behold upon coming into the temple the next day. The veil, about eighty-five feet in length, torn asunder from top to bottom. No one except the high priest ever beheld the Holy of holies. The high priest went alone once a year into the temple on the day of atonement, and that with blood. God has always required a blood offering for sin. There with bells on his garments, the high priest ministered for the sins of the people while the people stood without, waiting for him to return. What a vast difference now. The rent veil was typical of the broken body of Jesus. It meant that no longer would God be approached through ceremonies and rituals or through the blood of animals. God is now approached through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Only three and one-half years can we picture Him in His short ministry here on earth, cooling the fevered brow, opening blind eyes, unstopping deaf ears, and even raising the dead. How people love to honor men who have attained the heights of fame. Even ministers of today, if they have letters indicating college degrees, people quote their words and they are quoted by the press. But the man of Calvary, Jesus of Nazareth, came and the people in the temple asked, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" But when Jesus spoke, something happened. He met a funeral procession one day. A widow was burying her only son. Jesus walked up to the bier and said to the young man, "I say unto thee, Arise," and that mother's grief was turned to rejoicing. When the leper came forth crying, "Unclean, unclean," Jesus stopped and looked at him. He said, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean." Jesus touched him and said, "I will, be thou clean," Luke 5: 12, 13. The priest would have pulled his skirts aside, the Levite would have passed by on the other side, but Jesus had compassion on the man and healed him. What a Savior! Isaiah's words fulfilled! Isaiah 53:5, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Bitter as it was, we thank God that Christ endured the agonies of the cross. The dying agonies even had the power to affect the forces of nature. The darkening of the sun and the quaking of the earth indicated that Jesus had power even over nature itself. Jesus will reveal that same power again some day, for the Bible says there shall be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

THE EFFECTS OF THE CROSS

Some say the cross is an instrument on which to be crucified. The cross of Christ affects the life of every true believer. Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." History records many other crucifixions. Darius in the seige of Babylon, it is said, crucified 3,000 prisoners of war. Alexander the Great crucified 2,000 when he visited vengeance upon Tyre. Titus, the Roman, made crosses of wood until there wasn't any more wood to be had, to crucify the people of Jerusalem in the destruction of that city in 70 A. D. Yet all those crucifixions availed nothing, but the crucified Christ, God's Son, means your eternal life and mine. We have a vital part in it.

THE SHED BLOOD AVAILS

No more need people to say that we are under condemnation for sin, because Jesus paid sin's penalty and through faith in that sacrifice we repent of those sins. Thank God. We can be saved, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. How marvelous we who were all sinners by birth, and worse sinners by choice, could be made free from sin through the blood shed on Calvary's cross.

A HUMBLE WAY

Many have turned away in derision from the blood of the atonement, and are scorning the humble way of the cross, but those who have a born-again experience know that the way of the cross leads home. Jesus went to the cross, hung there and died for you and me. If you have not accepted it, today is the day of salvation. Sinner friend, can't you hear the still small voice pleading, "Give me thine heart"?

Vatican and Kremlin

Relations between the Kremlin and the Vatican show signs of undoubted strain. Or to speak more precisely, since there are no formal diplomatic relations between them, their attitudes toward each other exhibit wariness, mutual suspicion and a disposition to thwart each other's undertakings.—*Selected.*

Christ can never be lifted any higher than self has been abased.

Place for the Word

MRS. RUTH STARNES

John 8:37, " . . . *my word hath no place in you.*"

Jesus was here talking to the Jews, encouraging the ones that believed on Him. They were yet weak, but Christ, like the Good Shepherd that He was, did not cast them off, instead He comforted and encouraged them. He told them in verses 31 and 32, " . . .If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The Jews boasted in their heritage. They claimed to be Abraham's seed and said they were not in bondage to any man, so they couldn't understand Christ saying the truth would make them free.

There are people today, when approached along the line of salvation, who will say, "My mother was such and such a thing and I'm going to heaven on her religion." But, friends, you had better let mother's religion alone and make room for Christ's Word in your heart. We are told in His Word that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess for itself. We must work out our own salvation, since no one else is responsible for us.

We see in our context a comfortable doctrine laid down, concerning spiritual liberty of Christ's disciples. When we have become a disciple of Christ, we enter a covenant with Him. We are bound to Him for life. We are to adhere to His Word in every instance and abide by it to the end. The Jews had no place for His Word in their hearts, but a true disciple must dwell in the Word of Christ as he would in his home, in rest, comfort, and refuge.

I. WHAT PLACE THE WORD SHOULD HAVE IN MEN'S HEARTS

The Word of Christ should have an inside place in the thoughts, the memory, the conscience and the affections. David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee," and, "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Jeremiah said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Oh yes, the Word is great joy to us when we are burdened, when we need advice, or when we need guidance. There is everything we need in God's Word. Paul said, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom . . . . " In our everyday routine of life, the Word of Christ should hold first place in our hearts.

Then the Word of Christ should hold a place of honor in our hearts. Jesus said on one occasion, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things that I say?" We should honor the Word by paying attention to it. John 8:47, "He that is of God heareth God's words, ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God." We should reverence Christ's Word, have faith in the Word and obey it. Matt. 7:24, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock." If we have dug down to the rock Christ Jesus, we have an immovable foundation. It is not enough to hear the Word only, but we must obey its commands.

Jesus was willing to give up His home in glory to come down here and redeem lost mankind, but when He came His own people rejected Him. He said, "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth . . . " They did not seek to kill Him because He had done them any harm, but because they could not bear the convincing, commanding power of His words He spoke with authority, but His words had no effect upon them, because they would not heed the truth He declared.

The Word of Christ must have a working place in us. It must work out sin and work in grace. When there is no room for the Word to dwell in us, it is then there is room for wickedness to come in. The Word should have a ruling place upon the throne of our hearts.

The Word of Christ should have a place of trust in our hearts. We ought in all things to rely upon the sure Word of promise since God will not lie, nor err, neither change. Isaiah 7:9, " . . . If ye will not believe surely ye shall not be established." If we trust in God's Word, we will not be carried about by every wind of doctrine, but we can be established. His words are imperishable for He tells us in Mark 13:31, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Sometimes, if we trust in man, we will be deceived, but there is no deception in Christ's words. His words are mighty. Luke 4:32, "And they were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power." His words are life-giving. Peter said, "Thou hast the words of eternal life." The officers failed to arrest Jesus one time; they said, "Never man spake like this man." No other man has ever spoken words to compare with the words of Christ. There is strength in the Word of God and our trust should be in Him.

God's Word should have a place of love in our hearts. Job said, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than any necessary food." None of us would do without food long, but, alas, many neglect God's Word! We should prize the Bread of Life more than our literal bread, and we should defend the Word with our lives. Paul said, when facing Nero's block, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." He had held the Word of God in trust. Paul had a personal experience with God for He said, "I know in whom I am persuaded to believe." He had love for the brethren. If we don't have the love of God in our hearts we are not acquainted with Him. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Love never faileth. It was God's great love for us that prompted Him to give His Son for this lost world. God's Word (which was Christ) was made flesh and dwelt on this earth to be the Savior of man. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." As He is a God of love and our example, we should follow in His steps.

II. WHY THE WORD HAS NO PLACE IN MANY MEN

Many people today are so busy with the things of this life, that they cannot admit the Word into their hearts. But Jesus said in Luke 21:34, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." He was speaking of His second coming and it behooves us to take heed to these words.

Some people are expecting the Word of God to come as a novelty and because it doesn't they refuse it. They

are weary of the old, old story. They will say they have heard for years that Jesus was coming back but He hasn't come yet. Well, Jesus said they would say that. We are living in a day when God's Word is being fulfilled before our very eyes. Let us, who know God, keep our hearts open to receive God's Word at all times, for if we aren't careful the enemy will slip in on us.

People today wouldn't think of going without food or water long at a time. They never fail to breathe God's free air, yet they will fail to give heed to His Word. They are like the Jews were, they have no place in their hearts for Christ. Indeed Christ has been crowded out of the hearts and lives of men ever since He was born. When He was born there was no room for Him at the inn, so He was born in a manger. When He was just a child Herod sought to destroy Him. The devil, all down through the ages, has sought to kill Jesus, but in every instance He has been more than a match for Satan.

Some people are too wise, too cultured to yield themselves to the government of Christ. They would not think of going down to an altar of prayer and consecrating their lives to God. They aren't hungering and thirsting after God, but they are hunting after worldly pleasures, something to satisfy the flesh. But this doesn't alter God's Word one bit. People will tell you today that they prefer the quiet kind of religion. The Scriptures tell us to follow after peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came, the people were praising God, and I don't believe they were quiet about it either, for it was noised abroad. We are told to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. It is something we don't want to be quiet about.

Dear reader, if you have no place in your heart for God's Word, what is the reason for your rejection? Are you not in earnest with God? Jesus tells us in Matt. 7:7, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Today is the day of salvation, some other day may be too late. We can't serve God half-heartedly and get by; we must be in earnest with Him.

Is your rejection of Him because you are fond of sin? Rom. 6:24, "For

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PURPOSE WITHOUT PEP IS PIFFLE

(A Solemn Warning to Pentecostal People)

By J. T. DAVIS

The subject I propose to discuss or deal with, can be thought of in this respect, "The Folly of Apathy (wanting of feeling; lack of emotions, indifference) — 'the Destroyer of the Soul and Conscience.'" It is essentially necessary that we "safeguard" our soul's interest and conscience by guarding against such undermining ensnarements, (viz., indifference, unconcernment, and spiritual insensibility.)

Reading from the 21st chapter of Luke's Gospel, verses 34 through 38, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your heart be overcharged with surfeiting (excessive eating and drinking so that sickness or uneasiness follows or succeeds; gluttony), and drunkenness (intoxication; overcome by the habit of drink; deprivation of senses and judgment by anything that disorders the mind), and cares of this life (anxieties pertaining to life), and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Christ admonishes us that we should contribute "careful consideration, and obedient regard, accompanied by the most minute observation and attention," lest (for fear that) at any time (during times of adversity or prosperity) our hearts be overcharged (to load too heavily; to burden or oppress) by certain undermining and subjugating influences. He states three of the most common, most frequent, and most subtle contrivances (schemes) that Satan will resort to, to extinguish our zeal and evangelistic fervor. He further asserts that it will encroach itself as a snare (entanglement, trap; bring into unexpected evil or danger).

He urges us to watch and pray always (continually, consistently). Paul, in 1 Thess. 5:17, appeals to us to "pray without ceasing (without stopping)." Christ states the reason of our praying, "that ye may be accounted (satisfactory reckoning) worthy (deserving) (note: accounted worthy; have full strength) to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." In Heb. 2:1 we have this charge, "Therefore we ought (should, must) to give the more earnest (serious, intense) heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip (pass away without notice or inattention)."

In connection, shall we read from Hebrews, twelfth chapter, verses 1 and 2, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed (surrounded) about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight (encumbrance), and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

You recall in the preceding chapter of the account of the instances of the excellency and power of faith to support under and triumph over all difficulties and dangers. It appears that we are surrounded on every side with countless multitudes of glorified believers, who unite in testifying the duty and blessedness of entirely relying upon the infinite wisdom, power, faithfulness, and goodness of God, in the greatest trials. So shall we, who are animated and influenced by their examples, realizing they are looking upon us (they are our spectators) and depending on us to be thoroughly faithful to the very end.

So shall we cast off the works of darkness, inordinate care about this present world, and through the grace of God disentangle ourselves from the powers of indwelling corruption, worldliness, unbelief (the root of all apostasy). And shall we strive with persevering strength and firmness, and along with patience and quietness give vent to the will of God. We are urged to hold on our way with speed, steadiness, and vigor, until we finish that course of faith outlined to us in the Word of God and through the examples of the saints.

Church Greatly Blessed

WAPATO, Wash. — We certainly praise and thank the Lord for our revival that closed December 3 at the Church of God in Wapato, Wash., conducted by Rev. W. A. Nicholson, of Kentucky. The church was greatly blessed. The power of the Holy Ghost came down in a great way. There were six saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church.—F. W. Goff, pastor, Box 15.

No person can keep secrets who continually has his mouth open.

Joseph a Type of Christ or the Likeness Between Them

MRS. MYRTLE FRIX

Joseph was a shepherd. Gen. 37:2; Christ, the good shepherd. John 10:11.

Joseph was sent by his father to seek his brethren. Gen. 37:13, 14; Christ was sent by His Father to seek and save His people. John 37:20.

Joseph's brothers saw him coming and sought to slay him. Gen. 37:20; When Christ came on earth, the Jews sought to kill Him. Matt. 2:20.

Joseph was put in a pit and raised from it; Christ was put in a tomb and raised from it.

Joseph was sold for twenty pieces of silver—the price of a slave, under age. Gen. 37:28; Christ was sold for thirty pieces of silver—the price of a slave, at full age, Matt. 26:15.

Joseph was carried down into Egypt. Gen. 39:1; Christ was carried down into Egypt. Matt. 2:13.

Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife. Gen. 39:7. Christ was tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

Joseph was condemned by a false witness and put in prison. Gen. 39:19, 20; Christ was condemned by false witnesses and put to death.

Joseph was put in prison with two prisoners, one was saved, the other hanged. Gen 40:2, 3; Christ was crucified with two prisoners, one was saved, the other unsaved. Luke 23: 39-43.

Joseph became governor, ruler, and a saviour of his people in Egypt. Gen. 42:6; Christ was governer, ruler, and Saviour of His people on earth. Matt. 2:6.

Joseph was thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Gen 41:46; Christ was thirty years when He began His public ministry. Luke 2:23.

Joseph went about doing good, laying up food for the famine; Christ went about doing good and healing the sick. Matt. 4:23.

Joseph's people had to come to him for temporal food; Christ's people had to come to Him for spiritual food.

Joseph knew his brothers, they did not know him. Gen. 42:8; Christ knew and came to His own, they did not know Him. Luke 16:24.

Joseph made himself known to his brothers after they had supposed he was dead. Gen. 45:1; Christ made Himself known to His disciples after they had seen Him laid in the tomb.

Joseph's garments had been stained with blood; Christ's garments were stained with blood. John 19:33.

Christ's earthly father's name was Joseph. Matt. 1:18; the man who begged the body of Christ and laid it in his own tomb was named Joseph. Matt. 27:57-60.

When Jacob saw Joseph he said, "Now let me die since thou art alive"; when Simeon saw the young child Jesus, he said, "Now let me (die or) depart in peace," Luke 2:29.

JESUS' WALK

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

His walk was a lonely walk. His feet, tired, weary, and worn by the rough pathway, led Him many times into the valley of the shadows of death. Then again, He walked mountain peaks of glory and transfiguration. But ever before His eyes was the plain hard road marked "Calvary Way."

There were few resting places along this dark road. Birds hushed their singing, and soft breezes stirred the boughs in waiting, tender sympathy, as all nature waited the crucial hour.

Out into the dark garden His feet had led Him. Bowed 'neath the sorrows and despair of a sin-cursed world, weeping—sweating—bleeding—waiting. With His broken heart torn with agony, His quivering lips cried, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." Human strength gave way, while divine nature increased as an angel ministered unto the suffering Christ. And from His submissive heart, spoke He those immortal words, "Not my will, but thine be done."

His walk led Him into judgment and then to a cross.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone
And there's a cross for me."

Dear Saints of God, do you follow in His steps? Do you walk even as He walked? We sing so many times, "Jesus went this way before, I'm so glad I'm in this way." But I wonder if we really are following in His steps. Are we bearing the burdens of others? Are we spending ourselves for the kingdom of God's sake? Do we hunt our own dark Gethsemane and there sweat blood for sinning mankind? Does our back bow 'neath the burden of the cross? Can we sing, "I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way," from a pure heart and a clear conscience?

Paul said one time, to the dear brethren at Caesarea, "What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." And Jesus' walk led Paul to his death.

My friends, if your feet are leading you into questionable places, or if your walk is always on beds of roses and billows of peace, and your feet so well shod that no thorny pathway is ever felt, then you don't walk as He walked.

Let us follow in His steps, wherever they lead us. Midst the thorns are the roses and, if crushed, the greater the fragrance will be. Stony and rough may be the roadway but it ever leads upward, through many vales of peace, and over mountain peaks of glory, but ever upward, until one day it will lead our weary feet into that eternal city where the road-worn pilgrim will rest eternally at His dear feet.—Mrs. Mabel Maddeford.

Was Very Sick But the Lord Healed Me

NEWBURG, Mo.—I really praise the Lord for full and free salvation. I praise the Lord for the way He has wonderfully touched my body. I was very sick and I began to pray and fast and I asked others to pray too, also I felt led to send a handkerchief to Headquarters for anointing and prayer for the healing of my body. I sent the handkerchief and the Christians prayed over it and anointed it. I received it back and the Lord wonderfully touched my body. I am giving Him the praise for it all.

I want to do just what the Lord would have me to do and be on the firing line for Jesus every day. Please remember me in your prayers, also my husband who is unsaved.—Mrs. Christine Teams.

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MISSIONARIES TO HAWAII

Rev. and Mrs. Grier Hawkins

Rev. and Mrs. Grier Hawkins will probably have landed in Honolulu before you read this article. They have been planning for sometime to go to the mission field and have felt a special call to China but, inasmuch as there was no opportunity to go there at this time, they felt they were in the will of the Lord to go to Hawaii and help with the work there. They have served as ministers in the Church of God for several years and have spent some four years or more in the Church of God Bible Training School where they were loved by the students as well as the faculty.

Brother and Sister Fred Litton went to Hawaii several years ago, did some evangelistic work, and established one or two churches. They had to leave because of the war. About two years ago Brother G. G. Prince went there to work for the Government and while there began preaching in another location, organized a church and purchased a lot. We appreciate all the good all the different ones have done in Hawaii and are looking forward to reaping a great harvest of souls there. This is the first time that the Mission Board has definitely sent anyone to the Island. Although others have been supported to some extent by the Board, their going was more or less independent or voluntary.

Please pray that God will direct in the work there and that we may soon have a nice church building erected.

MY TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA

I landed in Guatemala at 7:40 a. m. February 22 and was quite surprised to meet such a large group of our missionaries. Brother J. H. Ingram, Brother Hoggatt, Brother Syverson, and Brother Stilwell were all at the port. Brother and Sister Stilwell had been delayed in Guatemala because of the border between Guatemala and Salvador being closed due to the recent strife between the two countries. Brother Hoggatt, of course, lives in Guatemala City, but the others were there en route to the annual convention at Chuicaca. They were not expecting me as I was three days ahead of schedule, but it just happened that some of the others were leaving for Quezaltenango to visit the Furmans and Pullins before going to the convention.

Since I had been up all night, I was just a little tired but was too excited over having seen so many of the brethren and over the prospects of soon being out in the mountains among the Indians, to think of sleeping very much. We went to Brother Hoggatt's home. During the afternoon Brother and Sister Litton arrived. One did not have to look a second time at Brother Fred Litton to see that he had been working hard and had been deprived of the proper nourishment while having those great revivals about which you have been reading in the Evangel. Of course, Sister Litton had been working also, but apparently had stood it better than her husband. I am going to divert from my main subject long enough to tell you that I insisted they stay in Guatemala City for awhile. I had a letter from them recently saying that Brother Litton had gained eight pounds and they were preparing to return to the Bay Islands.

We attended service in Guatemala City that night and left the next day for Totonicapan and Quezaltenango. This country is quite different from any other country I have visited. I displayed my ignorance of their mode of dress, etc., by remarking to the brethren in one section about the women working on the road. Up to that time I had not noticed that the Indians from a certain tribe wear a little apron over their trousers. This apron is a plain piece of homemade cloth woven from the colors of the special tribe to which it belongs. We had lunch by the beautiful Lake Atitlan in Panajechel. I had read a great deal about this lake before making this trip.

When we visited the church at Totonicapan, the brother who took us through the building informed us that his sister had died a few minutes before we arrived. We went to the home where, in a dark room with no windows, by the light of candles we saw the body which was to be buried within a few hours since they do not do any embalming there.

To say it was a real thrill to me when I arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Furman in Quezaltenango is putting it mildly, as they are the ones through whom the Church of God first began to penetrate the Guatemalan field and we have known them for many years. Sister Furman was as happy as a young mother as she stirred around taking care of her newly adopted Indian baby, and Brother Furman smiled as with the thrill of a young father.

The next day we left for Quiche to visit Brother and Sister Pullin, who with the Furmans, went to Guatemala more than a quarter of a century ago and started working among the Indians soon after receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was only about nineteen kilometers to the famous city of Chichicastenango and Brother Pullin took us there in his car. Since this was Sunday, a big market day, the square was filled with people and almost every available inch was covered with those who had something to sell, possibly only a handful of fruit which they had walked many miles to bring

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REVIVALS

STEEDS, N. C.—We closed a wonderful revival here at Bethel October 29, Brother D. A. Hensley as evangelist. He preached a fine message every night and delivered the gospel in its fulness. Everyone appreciated him. Nine were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The crowds were large. God is blessing us and we thank Him for it.—Jack Thomas, Rt. 1.

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LAKE WALES, Fla.—We truly thank the Lord for the revival that closed November 12 here at Lake Wales, Fla. This revival ran about five weeks, with Brother Bud Braddock doing the preaching and Sister Braddock rendering the music on the piano. Brother Braddock really preached the old-time gospel and it had its effect. A large number were saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. The church was lifted up and blessed. The City of Lake Wales was very much stirred by this revival; only judgment will reveal the good done.

We do not want to forget to say a word for our good pastor, Rev. Paul Taylor, and his good wife, whose untiring efforts and prayers helped to make this revival go over the top for God and His Church. Many are looking this way. I was in a backslidden condition but I thank God that during this revival I was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church, for which I truly praise God.—Mrs. R. P. Love.

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LENOIR, N. C.—Brother Randall Geren, evangelist, of Cleveland, Tennessee, came here for a revival. Our pastor, Brother H. D. William, had the fire burning already, so when Brother Geren began fanning the blaze by preaching the strong Word of God, souls began to be blessed. The whole neighborhood became interested and a large number were saved, sanctified, several filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. We appreciate Brother Randall and all he did for us. We pray God's richest blessings on him. We also appreciate our pastor and his nice family. He has two fine boys who are members of the Church of God and are good church workers. We have a splendid band of young people at Lenoir now. Our attendance is the best it has been in years. Some say we are in the wrong location and that the war is on, so we need not expect a large attendance, but if Jesus be lifted up and we prove to the world that He lives in our hearts He will draw the crowd. At present we are holding services under a brush arbor. Brother Randall believes in promptness. He announces the evening service for seven-thirty and begins on the minute. Every one loves him, and God has His approval on His work. Pray that we will do a great work for God this year.—A brother in Christ, C. W. Chester.

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HIGH SPIRE, Pa.—I praise the Lord for the way He blessed us in our revival that closed December 3, in which we came out victorious with many blessings from the Lord. We began to wage war on Satan, sin, and ungodliness on Nov. 13 in prayer meetings and visiting our people and getting them ready, although our revival did not start until November 19, and the Lord started with us in the very beginning. The attendance was good. Our sister churches came in and gave us much help, for which we thank the Lord. On Monday, November 27, the Lord came down and took charge of the meeting. He worked in a wonderful way. There was no message preached that night, for the preacher, as well as the saints, were under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. They lay all around. The evangelist lay prostrate across the platform. It just looked like old times when we used to let the Lord have His way. The Spirit was doing the talking and one message after another, with the interpretation, was given. Surely God is calling His people to a oneness in these last days. Two were saved and two others sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints were blessed, revived, and encouraged to go on. Our evangelist was Brother Norman Cunningham. He and his wife are loved by all. He is a faithful and good evangelist and gave us the gospel in the old time way and the power of God was the witness.

Pray for us and the work at High Spire, and may the Lord bless you richly for your interest in prayer.—A. N. Jackson, pastor.

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SODDY, Tenn.—On March 11, 1945, we closed a four weeks' revival at the Dividing Ridge Church of God. It was said by several of the members of long standing to be the greatest revival the church has had in several years, for which we thank the Lord. Thirteen were saved, eight sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, all of whom were adults. The revival was begun by the Holy Ghost and He was the leader throughout. We thank the Lord for every member of this church and for the unity and fellowship we have.

We also thank the Lord for the nice five-room parsonage we have just bought. We thank the many friends of the church who built the driveways around the church and for the improvement of the yard, which cost them $276.25 cash. We thank the Lord that some of these friends are now members of our church and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Cordell Ellis, pastor.

SERVICE MAN'S WEEKLY LETTER

Strengthened in the Lord

Philippine Islands
January 3, 1945

Dear Friends of the Church of God:

I have just received two copies of the Evangel and enjoyed reading them very much. Every article in both copies seemed to strengthen me more in my faith for the wonderful Lord that I am serving. I am happy and glad that I was reared in a fine Christian home and was taught the love that our Savior has for us. My father, Rev. B. E. Newell, is at present the pastor of the Church of God at Punta Gorda, Fla., and my mother is a member. The Lord is blessing there and a new church is being built by the fine members and my father. Pray that the Lord will continue to manifest His works in this city and that more people will be brought into the Christian path.

I have been overseas sixteen months now and the Lord has wonderfully helped me thus far. I appreciate the many prayers of my family and Christian friends back home. I want them to continue to pray that my wife and I will always live the life here on earth that is pleasing to the Lord and that souls might be saved through us. —A Christian friend, *S|Sgt. A. E. Newell.*

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My daughter, Mrs. Margaret Rothormel, 1716 Riverside St., Medford, Ore., who has an injured spine which causes head pains continuously and sometimes she is very mentally depressed; a lady in Marshfield, Ore., who has had a nervous breakdown, her mental condition is serious. In case someone wishes to send an anointed cloth for her, send it to her brother, Warren Fosmore, Marshfield, Ore.; us. —Mrs. Mattie Emberson, 1320 Garner St., Salinas, Calif.

The healing of my body, I do not know what is wrong but my hands get numb and I feel so bad; unspoken request.—Edna Rilenge, Box 284, Shelburn, Ind.

God to undertake for me, I really need His help and guidance and will appreciate encouragement from anyone.—Miss Doris M. Kerns, Paw Paw, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Beatrice Grimes, Rt. 2, Crawford, Ga.

God to undertake for me; my husband overseas.—Mrs. Inez Revis, St. Stephens, S. C.

The healing of my body, I have diseased tonsils and am in a weakened and rundown condition. — Beatrice Jenkins, Marion, N. C.

My brother in Service; me.—Miss Fairy Mae Eller, Rt. 2, Clayton, Ga.

My sons in Service, one in Belgium and one in France.—Mrs. Lillie McCord, Rt. 1, Box 162, Mt. Creek, Ala.

God to heal my body, I have just undergone a serious operation.—Sister Mae Holton, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.

The healing of my body; urgent request; my backslidden children.—A heartbroken mother, Chickasaw, Ala.

The healing of my body, I am in a very critical condition.—Mrs. Martha Sutherland, Rt. 1, Double Springs, Ala.

The healing of my mother who is sick.—Joe Mastoglio, Jr., Logan, Ill.

My husband who has high blood pressure. — Zetta Crandler, Detroit, Ala.

My son, Isaiah, who is missing in action; my daughter, Vivian; my family. —Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Crawfordville, Ark.

The healing of my body, I can hardly walk or sit down. — Mrs. Charles Sells, Rt. 1, Bedford, Pa.

Sister Maud Deason's body to be healed.—Mrs. J. C. Jennings, Rt. 1, Troy, S. C.

My sister, Mrs. Julia Buriss, Blue Ridge Ave., Belton, S. C., who is very much afflicted and in great distress. —Mrs. J. A. Young, Jones Ave., Easley, S. C.

The healing of my body of several ailments.—Mrs. Levi Nix, Rt. 3, Donalsonville, Ga.

My mother, who is in a serious condition, to be healed; my brother in Service; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Luther Owens, Powell Sta., Tenn.

Mrs. Rastol Malone, of Alligator, Miss., Rt. 1, who is paralyzed from her waist down; my son in Service; my family and me.—W. J. Barrentine, Rt. 1, Box 357, Helena, Ark.

The healing of my body; my three sons in Service.—Mrs. J. F. Hatter, 1411 Fifth Ave., Bessemer, Ala.

The healing of my body; my husband in the Navy to be saved; unspoken request.—A sister in Christ, Box 192, Lockhart, S. C.

My son Mike who is in the Army.—Paul Reid, Loranger, La.

DEATHS

VOLLRATH

Brother John Vollrath slipped away to glory on March 13, 1945, at the home of his daughter in Luray, Va. He was born March 11, 1861. He was a faithful member of the Church of God.—One who loved him.

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PEARCE

In memory of our loving mother, Mrs. Eugenia C. Pearce, who went home to be with Jesus Feb. 3, 1945; age eighty-nine years, one month, and three days. She was a member of the Church of God at Sulphur Springs, Fla.—Her daughter, Lula L. Jones, Yankeetown, Fla.

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HORTON

Sister D. B. Horton, a faithful member of the Church of God at Fitzgerald, Ga., departed this life March 14, 1945; age forty-nine years. She was preceded in death only two years ago by her husband. Eleven children now mourn the departure of their dear mother.—Mrs. Jeff Dale, Fitzgerald, Ga.

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ASH

Mrs. Mary Ellen Ash, of Charleston, W. Va., was born October 15, 1862 and passed away February 4, 1945; age, eighty-two years, three months, and twenty days. She has been a member of the Church of God for twenty-seven years. — Her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Baker, R. F. D. 2, Box 249, Charleston, W. Va.

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HEWETT

Little Bonnie Lue Hewett was born November 22, 1945, and went to be with Jesus January 23, 1945; age one year and two months.—S. R. Williams, pastor, Bonifay, Fla.

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CRUMPTON

Sam Crumpton was born February 14, 1856 and departed this life February 6, 1945. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Crumbley's Chapel church.—Martha Pearson, the pastor's wife, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

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SEIGLER

Ben Franklin Seigler was born August 9, 1899, and departed this life January 13, 1945. He leaves a wife and six children.—B. H. Enix, Middlesboro, Ky.

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BANKS

On October 29, 1944, Sister Colley E. Banks, wife of Rev. C. E. Banks, of Kansas City, Kans., passed away. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost many years ago and was a member of the Church of God. —Rev. D. W. Coker, her pastor.

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GREEN

In remembrance of our loving mother, Mrs. Trannie Green, of Schlater, Miss., who passed away Feb. 16, 1945; age, seventy-eight years and twenty-eight days.—Her daughter, Mrs. Zylpher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

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GARSON

In remembrance of our dear niece, Mrs. Thelma Garson, who passed away to be with Jesus November 24, 1944; age twenty-four years. She was a member of the Church of God at Marietta, Ga.—Her aunt, Loner Motes.

Reports from the Field

The Spirit of God Took Control

The first ministers' prayer conference for Michigan was held January 15-21 at the Church of God, Sixteenth and Stanley, Detroit. The meeting opened Monday night with the state overseer, Houston Morehead, in charge. From the very first service the Spirit of God took control and the services grew in interest until all felt as though we were just getting started when they had to close.

We were blessed in having a goodly number of the ministers from the State in attendance. Rev. E. W. Williams, Assistant General Overseer, was at his best as he preached to us the good Word of God. It seemed that each one, as he left these services, was freighted with the power from on high and a determination to do more for the Lord and His Church. You can expect some good reports throughout the State of Michigan as a result of this conference.—The host pastor, C. W. Florence.

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Messages Seemed Ordered of the Lord

My impression of the Detroit ministers' prayer conference, which convened at the Sixteenth and Stanley church, Rev. C. W. Florence, host pastor.

The first service began Monday night, January 15, 1945. Brother Morehead, the state overseer, was in charge of the opening of the services. Brother Morehead was not well physically but much on fire with the Spirit. God marvelously enriched every service with His presence. After a real communion with the Lord in prayer, Sister Morehead sang a solo which was very soul-stirring. Brother Morehead introduced our Assistant General Overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, who seemed to be no stranger, neither felt that way. His first message and each message seemed ordered of the Lord, and so timely. I heard many say, "That man is preaching the old-time gospel," and he really pulled the fire down. The Holy Ghost took full control of one service, without preaching, and the altar filled with the ministers, Christians, and sinners all seeking a closer walk with the Lord. Souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—W. Carl Milligan.

Faithful Worker

WHITWELL, Tenn.—Here is a picture of Mrs. Ellie Johnson. She has raised $100 on the new church at Cartwright. The good people have bought a house and lot and have it almost paid for. By good, faithful members like Mrs. Johnson the church will grow and prosper.—Pastor, Johnie E. Keener.

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God Has Really Blessed Our Efforts

WOODRUFF, S. C.—Our church here at Woodruff, S. C., is making great progress since we came here last September, 1944. God has really blessed our efforts for Him. We have taken in seventeen members; the tithes for February was more than any month in all the history of the church — $278.63. We have a real good Sunday School; every class has a Spirit-filled teacher who has the work at heart. We are making plans now to build four more classrooms. Yes, and the best part of all is our L.W.W.B. My, but they are doing a good job; they have raised near $175 for our state convention mission offering already. The president gave out some talents—twenty-two nickels—and in two weeks they brought in $64.83 in cash. We are selling cakes, pies, hot dogs, and most anything will bring something when you tell them you are raising money for missions. Pray for us here at Woodruff.—G. T. Wilson, pastor, Box 55.

Revival at Bristol, Tenn.

Beginning on December 3, the church at Bristol, Tennessee, enjoyed an old-time heaven-sent revival. God heard and answered the prayers of these dear people who had been earnestly seeking Him for just such a visitation. The results of the meeting were thirteen saved, ten sanctified, eight baptized with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church. The first week was a most blessed time, during which all of the experiences took place except one conversion and five joining the church. A snow of ten inches fell on Monday of the second week and caused the cessation of all bus and taxi service and resulted in hampering the attendance considerably. The evangelist was H. L. Whittington. God seemed to lay a special cloak of anointing upon him for this effort. His messages burned with the old-fashioned fire from Heaven and souls were moved with conviction. We are very happy to have had this great preacher of the Word with us and a welcome awaits his hoped-for return to finish the good work begun.—Harry O. Kutz, pastor.

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WARREN, Ark.—I praise God for the old-fashioned Holy Ghost way and for the Church of God at Warren. Praise Him for the many things He is doing for us and for the glory of God that comes down in our services each time we meet. We are on the battlefield for the Lord, pressing toward the mark of the high calling, sounding the alarm that Jesus is soon coming.

We had a four weeks' revival with Roy Gay, of Oak Grove, La., doing the preaching the first week. Our good pastor, Brother George Hemphill, continued the revival three more weeks, with inspiring, Holy Ghost messages. We had good crowds and much interest was shown. Two were saved and sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, and several were in the altar at the close of the revival.

We have bought our good pastor four hundred dollars worth of new furniture since he has been here. God is really blessing and moving on hearts and blessing souls. We are proud of our good pastor and his wife. He has faith in God, preaches the old-time gospel with power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Pray for us, that we will stay true and be a blessing to souls.—Mrs. Lorean Lawton, Sunday School secretary.

TESTIMONIES

Wonderfully Healed

ROBBINS, Ill.—Holy greetings in Jesus' name. Today I am saved and sanctified, thanking and praising God for how He has wonderfully healed my body through your prayer. I do not have an ache or pain of any kind. Praise His holy name. I have had rheumatism for twelve years, having aches and pains all through my body, and how I praise and thank the Lord for His wonderful power through your prayers.

Also, my brother-in-law got healed of a bad cough. He had it for years. —Yours in Christ, Sister Mattie Smith, (Colored), 13459 Turner Ave.

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Loves the Bible and Reads It Daily

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—Just a word of praise to my Redeemer. I was very ill last week and was getting weaker all the time. I knew the doctor was not doing me much good. I was lying on my bed reading the dear little paper where people were praising God for their healing and I said, "Lord, if you will heal me I will testify of it," so I am sending a word of praise this morning. I do not belong to the Church of God but do with all my heart believe her teachings and hope some time to abide by them, as I love the Bible better than any other book in the world and read it daily and love the Church of God above any, for it is the only one we read about in the Bible. My hope and desire is to live for my Lord and teach my boy and rear him for the Lord and His cause. There is no church close to us to attend. Pray for the new church at Baxter that she may rise and shine. Pray for the pastor that the Lord will endue him with power from the throne as he goes forth to preach, also pray for the new church at Cookeville. Pray for Brother Riggs and Brother Carr, and remember me, that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Bee Hedgecough, Rt. 2.

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God Has Been Good to My Family

CAWOOD, Ky.—I praise God for all He has done for me. I am a member of the Church of God at Harlan, Ky., and have been since August 16, 1917. It was set in order on that date with nine members. Since that time God has done wonderful things for me. Praise His name!

I have six children, two in the Service, a son in the U. S. N. and a daughter in the WAC. God has especially been good to my family. My son enlisted in the Navy on his seventeenth birthday and on his eighteenth birthday Pearl Harbor was attacked. He was at Norfolk, Va., had sent me a telegram he would be home on the eighth. I was in Harlan and saw in the paper where America was at war. Oh, I'll never forget that awful feeling that hovered around me on that day. Since that time the ship my son is on has been torpedoed and others killed at his side, but for some reason God has heard and answered prayer and taken care of him. I am leaning on the promise (having done all to stand, then stand). Praise His name. He is all in all to me; He has taken care of all my family and has not taken one out in sin yet. Praise God!

Brother B. H. Enix conducted a two weeks' revival here and God saved several. My daughter thirteen years old never went to the altar, although she was convicted of sin. On August 23 she had been to church and was coming home and had something like a heart attack. I was at home sick. The saints had come and prayed for me that day and they gathered around her and prayed for her. God has spared her and has saved her. Since then she is shouting His praise. Oh, how I thank Him for His mercy. Please pray for her that she will be strengthened in body, also that she will get the blessing and be a light to others. Pray that God will save my other children before it is too late. Pray that He will completely heal my body that I can get on the firing line for Him. Time is short; what we do will have to be done quickly.—Rosa Vaughn Osborne.

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Salvation Is Wonderful

SEMINOLE, Okla.—Dear friends, I certainly appreciate the nice, encouraging letters you wrote me. How well I do enjoy reading letters from my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am still praying for lost souls and boys and girls in the Service. Yes, I will put you all on my prayer list and pray for every one of your requests. The Lord is ready to heal; there is nothing impossible with Him. He can heal all manner of sickness; just put your faith in Jesus; put your all and all on the altar before the Lord in prayer and He will hear and answer. I will take every letter and place it on the altar at the church and let my pastor and all praying friends help me pray for you. Just hold on to the blessed Lord and trust in Him for your husbands, wives, and children, and God will bring them in; and you who want to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, just keep seeking and be determined to go through with Him. The Lord will not put on us any more than we can bear.

Dear friends, my husband has gone home to be with Jesus. He passed away two years ago this coming April 29 and left the children and me very lonesome, but I put my trust in Jesus that we wouldn't suffer very much for the necessities of life and in some way to keep warm, and He has heard and answered my prayer. I am praising His blessed name for what He means to me. I am very glad I said something that caused the soldier boy to find peace in the blessed Savior. The good plan of salvation is wonderful.

We have a good pastor, Brother B. M. Woolwine. He and his good wife are good to visit the sick and to comfort the discouraged and needy. Our pastor is also a wonderful singer. God is blessing up here in the Seminole Church of God. It seems that a revival breaks out every service night. Pray for his family and him; they need your prayers. May God bless every one of you is my prayer. The soldier who wrote the piece in the Evangel, giving my address, surely was very badly crippled and will be all his life if the Lord doesn't undertake, so pray that he will hold out faithfully.—Mrs. Ruth Smith, 1105 N. University St.

Good Revival

GRANITE FALLS, N. C.—We had a good revival at Dudley Shoals with two saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and the church revived and on fire for God. Our pastor, Charlie Rogers, did the preaching. He is a fine man of God and we appreciate him very much. Please pray for us, that we will do more for God this year than ever before.—Mrs. Clare Laxton, secretary and treasurer, Rt., Box 189-A.

The persons who are directed by love will never get lost or go astray.

PLACE FOR THE WORD

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the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." How much better it will be to accept the gift, instead of the wages. Sin is abroad in the land today but let us not be partakers of sin. Jesus was manifested to take away our sin.

Are you rejecting the Word of God because you are greedy of evil gain? There is a class of people who live evil, so as to gain worldly riches. These things are of a perishable type, but Jesus tells us to lay up treasures in heaven where they will be secure.

Are you rejecting the Word of God because your need a change of heart? Ezekiel 11:19, 20, says, "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." The psalmist says, 'The Lord is nigh unto such as be of a contrite spirit." If we become humble and seek God in earnest He will give us a change of heart, so His Word can dwell in us. Some people love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. They will not come to the light lest they be reproved of sin.

III. WHAT WILL COME OF THE WORD HAVING NO PLACE IN US

Friend, today every past rejection of the Word has involved you in sin. You may say you aren't against Christ, but if you haven't received His Word into your heart you are none of His. There is no neutral ground. We are either for or against Christ's Word. The Lord is a jealous God and He wants us to serve Him with our whole heart. There is no greater sin than neglecting to let the Word into our hearts.

The Word may cease to ask for a place in you. After you have rejected Christ's Word once, it is easier to do so the next time and after the Spirit has pled with us many times, without any response on our part, He may cease to ask for admission. There are people who will tell you they have sinned away their day of grace. Oh, what a pitiful state in which to be!

If you have no place for the Word, you may become a violent opponent of the Word, like the Jews. They had no place in them for the Word. Jesus had declared the truth to them, yet they opposed Him. They could not understand His speech, because they could not hear His words. Blindness in part happened to Israel because of their unbelief. Let us open the door of our hearts to the Word, lest we, too, become blind to the truth of God's Word.

The Word will condemn you at the last day, if you haven't room in your heart for Christ. John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." We are going to be judged by the Word of God. How is it with you today? Are you able to balance with the Word of God or will you be found wanting? Rev. 6:17, "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" We may be able to give excuses here, but when we stand before God our flimsy excuses will not be any help to us. Let us each search ourself to see if the Word has a place in us.

MISSION PAGE

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to the city, just to get a little money most of which they use to buy intoxicating drinks. Late in the afternoons one can see the drunks along the road after having walked for many miles, sold their goods, and spent all their money for liquor, having become too drunk to get back home. Maybe the Indian squaw will be helping her drunken husband, trying to get him to his home or the home of a friend before he gets completely down from drinking.

One of the saddest sights here was the Catholic Church on one side of the square. Scores of Indians were on the steps burning incense to their pagan gods before going inside the church to worship according to the Catholic custom. Many of them were waving their incense burners and the black smoke ascended as from a coal fire. Just think of the many thousands of these precious people who have unwillingly accepted Christianity in the form of Roman Catholicism but have found nothing to satisfy the longing in their hearts and nothing to take away fear of the heathen gods they formerly worshipped, so that they cannot even be forced to accept the new religion without the privilege of continuing the worship of their heathen gods. Their countenances are still dark, their hearts heavy with the load of sin and with the terrible fear of their future destiny. It is sad to see them carrying heavy loads on their backs, the weight of which is suspended from a strap across the head. Many times this load equals practically the weight of the carrier, but I think the heaviest load is the one on their hearts. Many of them have never had a full meal and have never had a pair

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of shoes on their feet. I understand that it is a very rare thing for an Indian to sing and, when one sees the conditions under which they live, he certainly does not wonder at this because there could be no song in their hearts. Almost all the women are in far worse condition than the colored women in the South were during slavery.

Surely it is a terrible thing to go through life under the terrible burden of labor almost beyond human strength, in poverty beyond description, no one to love them, not even the little children receiving a smile, and then be lost in the end. How different among those who have been saved from their sins, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with the Holy Ghost. You would hardly recognize them as the same people.

(Next week: "The Convention at Chuicaca.")

NOTICES

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WANTED: Back numbers of Evangels or any gospel literature. We do tract work, personal and through the mail, and I am interested in lost souls. —Walton Owings, Rt. 3, Box 107, Talladega, Ala.

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Correction

In the March 31 issue of the Evangel, page 15, there was a report, under title of "Greatly in Need of a Church," which stated that a church was badly needed at Brownfield, Tex. This report was late in being published and we are happy to inform you that since this report was sent in there has been a church organized there. We are sorry the report could not be published sooner but are glad there has been a church organized there.

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I am open for calls to evangelize for my Master. I just closed a revival at Old Fort, N. C., for Rev. D. M. Curtis. Pray for me in the Master's work.—Sister Anna V. Bishop, Rt. 3, Box 29, Walterboro, S. C.

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To anyone having someone in or near Camp Robinson, Ark., write me at the address below and I will contact them and invite them to the Church of God. Send their complete address.—Pvt. Lindsey Hale, 35238500, Co. C, 109 I. T. B., 77th Regt., Camp Robinson, Ark.

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I am evangelizing in North Carolina this year. If you desire to have me for a revival in the near-by states, let me hear from you. I have had nine years' pastoral experience. My new address is Rt. 9, Box 320, Concord, N. C.—Floyd A. Boger.

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To any Service men who may be stationed or convalescing at the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va., the Church of God is located at 243 Augusta Ave., Waynesboro, Va., or you may contact me at Box 575, Waynesboro, Va., or call 636-J. We also have services each Sunday afternoon at Modern Woodmen's Hall, Staunton, Va.—P. F. Taylor, pastor.

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Revival

WEST UNION, W. Va.—God wonderfully blessed in our revival here. Two were saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. People handled fire and God blessed in many ways. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing the 24th. This is in a new place. The evangelist was Porter Richards.—Johnnie Cross, pastor, Toll Gate, W. Va.

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